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Predator SRAW Performance Analysis & Product Improvement (PAPI) Process

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PREDATOR SRAW

Performance Analysis & Product Improvement

(PAPI) Process

Agenda

PAPI Process Overview Predator SRAW System Overview PAPI Process Utilization Example







What is the PAPI Process?

Methodology that utilizes suite of analytical tools to establish baseline (BL) performance & assess whether proposed changes possess sufficient merit to warrant

further consideration.



Why is PAPI Process Needed?

- → Provide expert advise to Marine Corps concerning weapon utility
- **→** Assess impacts of proposed changes to BL during lifecycle:
 - **→** desired cost reduction
 - → tactics & requirements evolution
 - → filling void left by retirement of other weapon systems
 - **→** foreign military sales
 - **→** technology insertions



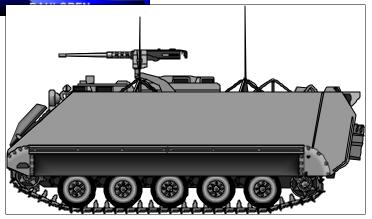
Evaluate Suitability of Surrogate Targets For Testing/Training

Determine causes of non-, early-, late-fuze events during weapon testing/ training,





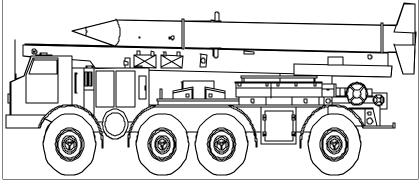
Explore Performance Envelop



Current Aluminum-Hulled Objective Threats



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Targets Outside of Current Threshold & Objective Set



Future Threats Composed of Non-ferrous Materials



Supporting Analytical Tools

- > NSWC 6-DOF Model predicts missile flight dispersion
- ➤ Magnetic Field Mapper measures magnetic field surrounding threat targets
- > TDD Simulator determines target detection performance
- > SRAW Analyzer auto-analyzes system performance
- ➤ PILOT measures system-level impacts of changes to baseline



Predator SRAW Overview



- ➤ Shoulder-launched Fire & Forget Missile
- > ~ 22 pounds, ~34" long
- > Targets
 - → Threshold = Main Battle Tanks
 - → Objective = Other Armored Vehicles
- Range of 17 600m (stationary) & 17 200m (moving @ speeds ≤ 24km/hr)
- \triangleright Required $P_{hit} > 0.5$
- > Fire-from-enclosure Capability
- Fixed-reticle Optical Sight



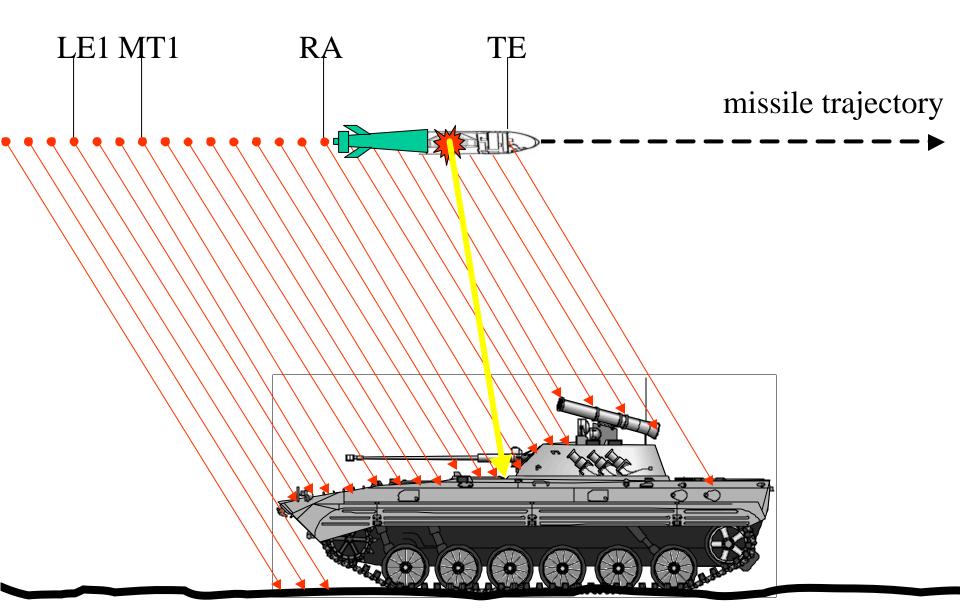
Predator SRAW Overview (continued)

- ➤ Missile Inertially Guided to Fly Over Target Based on Gunner's Aim Point
- ➤ Target Detection Device Senses Target's Presence & Initiates Warhead
- Explosively Formed Penetrator (EFP)
 Punctures Top-surface Creating Spall &
 Overpressure Inside Target
 - → Effective Against Reactive Armor





Representative Engagement





PAPI Process Steps

- > Compose Decision Statement
- > Determine Analysis Factors
- > Exercise Flight & Target Detection Simulators
- > Analyze Engagement Results
- > Add Results to BL Performance Library
- Employ PILOT to assess system tradeoffs



Example Decision Statement

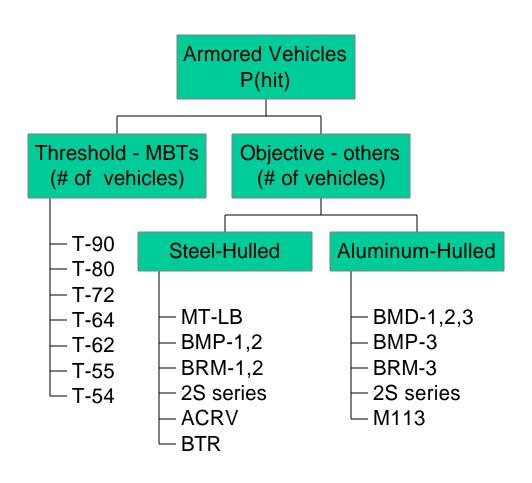
- ➤ Is SRAW effective against aluminum-hulled armored vehicles?
 - \rightarrow P_{hit} is system-level measure of effectiveness (MOE).

- ➤ If not, is there a non-material PI option to ensure effectiveness while preserving performance against threshold and steel-hulled objective threats.
 - \rightarrow P_{hit} > 0.5 for both threshold & objective threat classes



Determine Analysis Factors

➤ Determine threat populations of interest







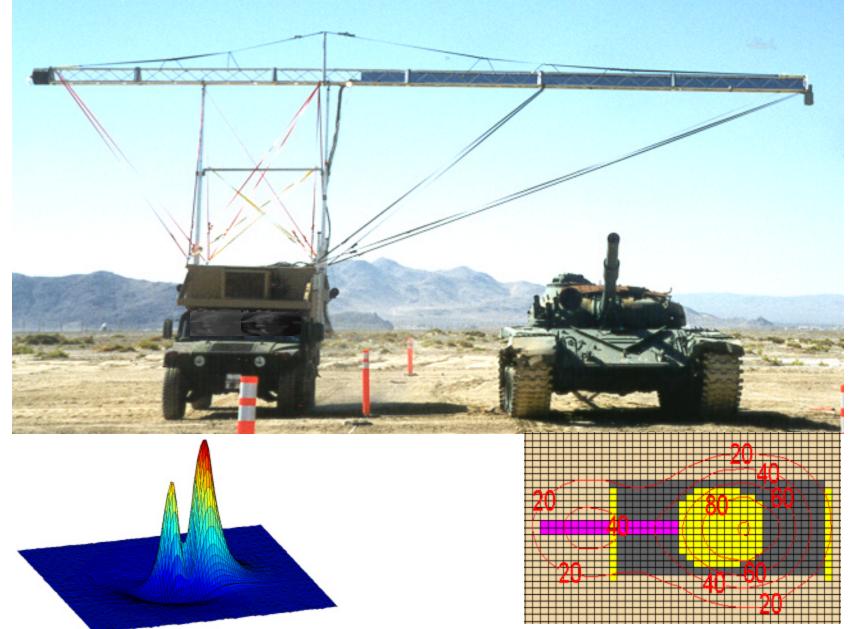


Exercise SRAW Flight & TDD Simulators

- ➤ 6-DOF Flight Model used to predict missile flight dispersion, pitch & velocity as a function of range
- > TDD simulator requires magnetic & optical profiles for the target of interest
 - → If on-hand, then simulate engagements
 - → If not, measure target field & generate optical profiles

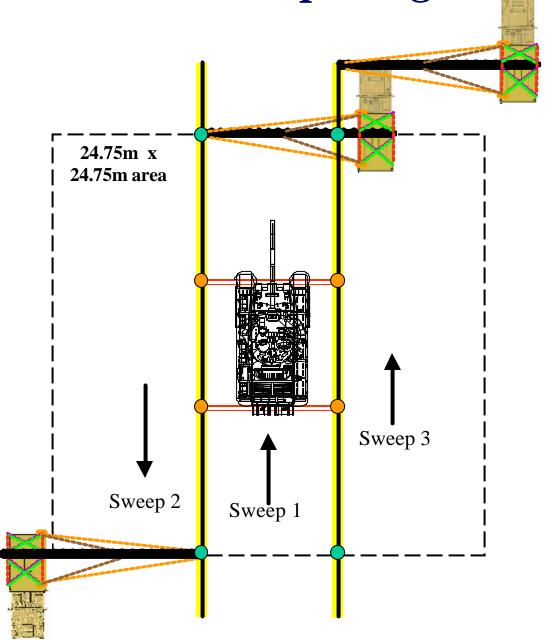


Magnetic Field Mapper (Magmapper)





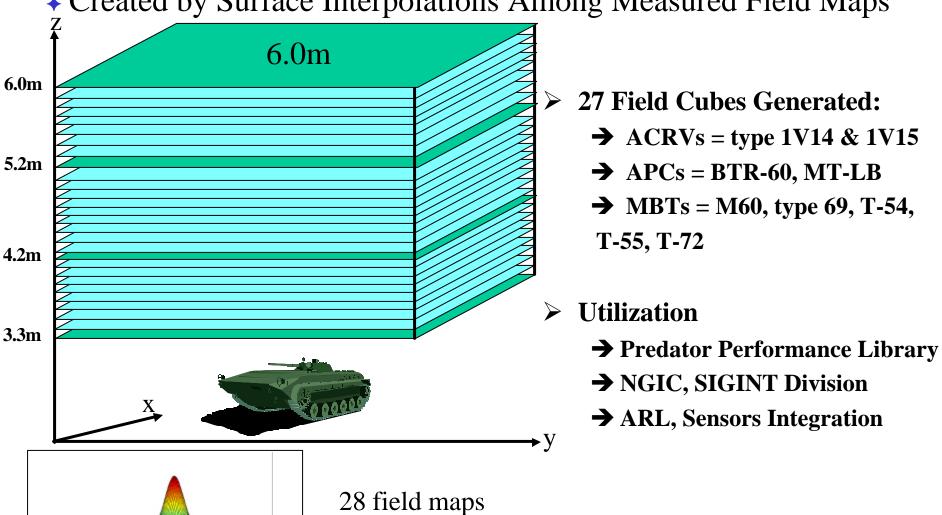
Sweep Progression





Magnetic Field Cube

Created by Surface Interpolations Among Measured Field Maps



compose a cube



Corpheyeus SW Application Used to Generate Optical Profiles

Viewpoint Model

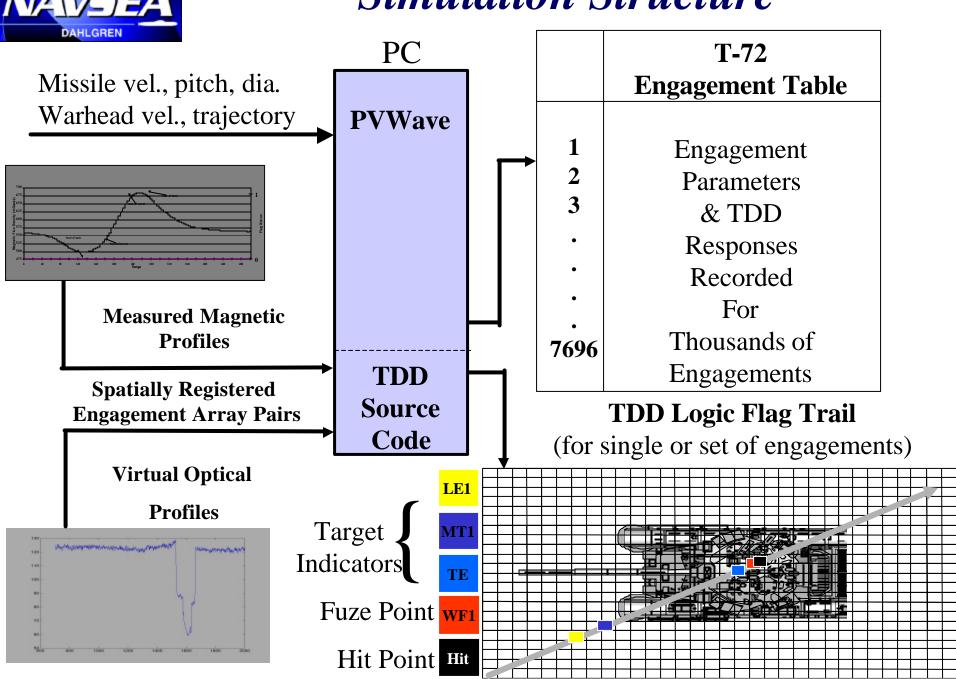
CG2 Model





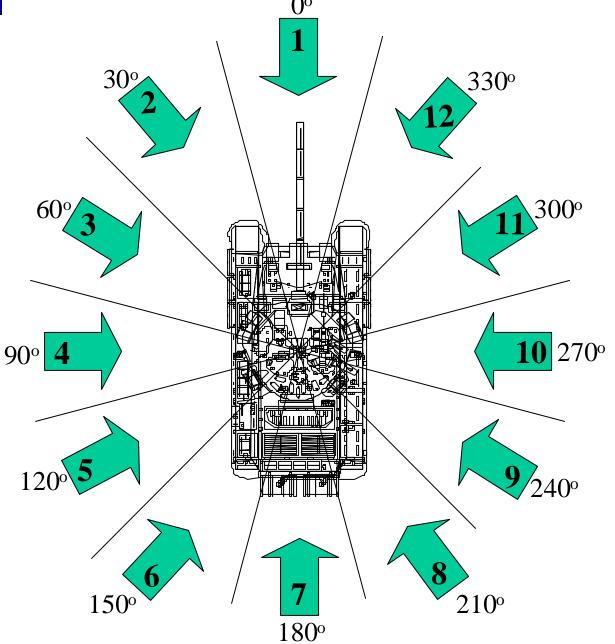


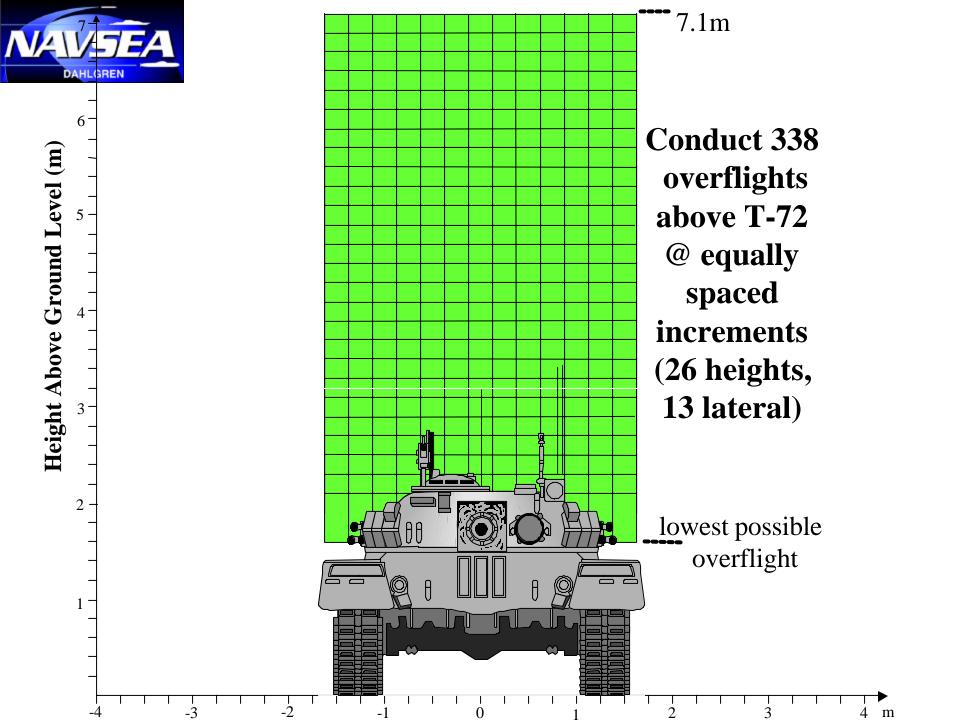
Simulation Structure

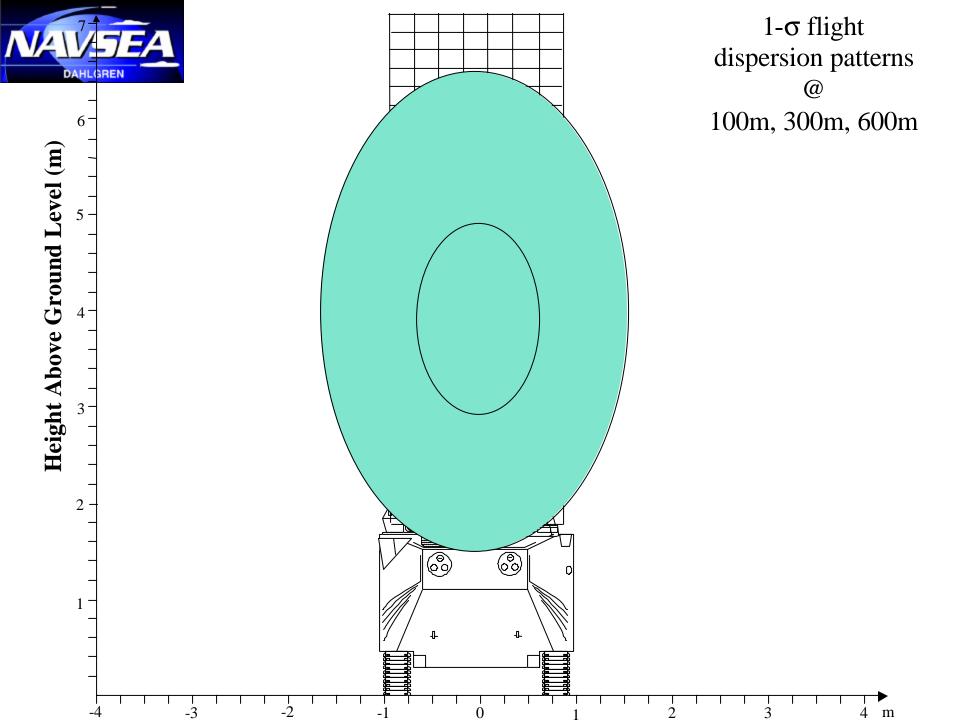




Gunner-to-Target Orientations





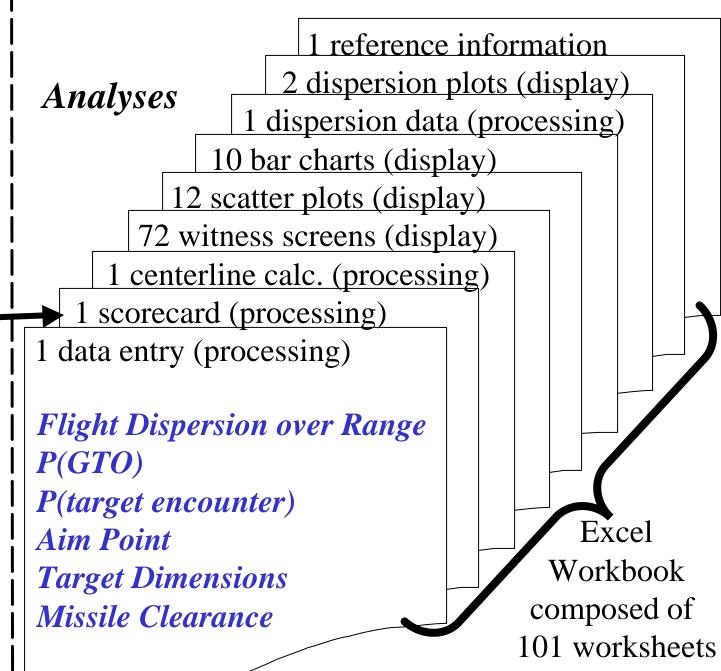




Simulation

Engagement
Table

1
2 Engagement
3 Parameters
 & TDD
 Responses
 Recorded
 For Each
 Engagement





Analyzer Summary

- \triangleright P_{hit} reported as system measure of effectiveness
 - → further characterized by centerline statistics & hit point plots
- > P_{fd} & P_d reported as subsystem measures of performance
- $ightharpoonup P_{miss}$ elements identify subsystem entities & interactions responsible for inadequate performance

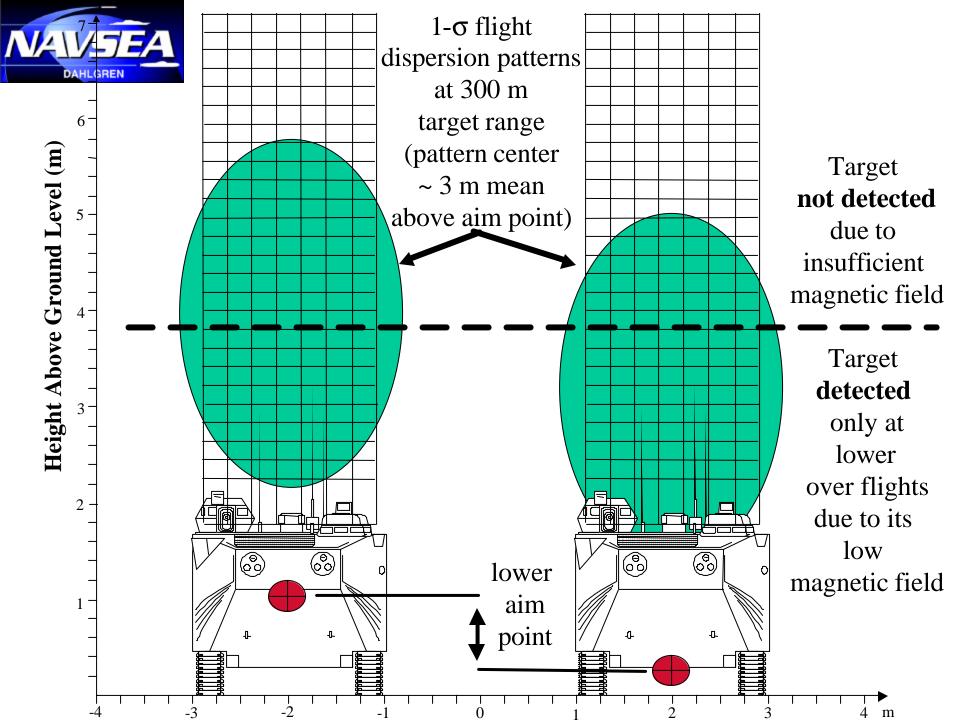
➤ Remaining 98 bar charts, witness screens, & graphs provide path to assess & trace performance issues back to the target characteristics



Performance Summary Against Aluminum-hull Threat

 \triangleright If $P_{hit} > 0.5$, then performance is acceptable

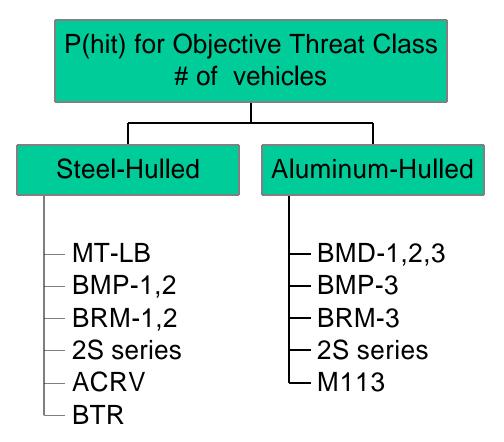
- ➤ If not, then assess non-material options:
 - → #1. lower aim point for objective threats
 - → #2. lower missile climb above aim point
 - → #3. modify TDD algorithms
- ➤ Choose #1 since it does not impact MBT performance
 - → assess impact to performance against steel-hulled threats





Assess Performance Impact

- ➤ Determine P_{hit} for original & new aim point
 - \rightarrow use population % to weight P_{hit} of individual threats



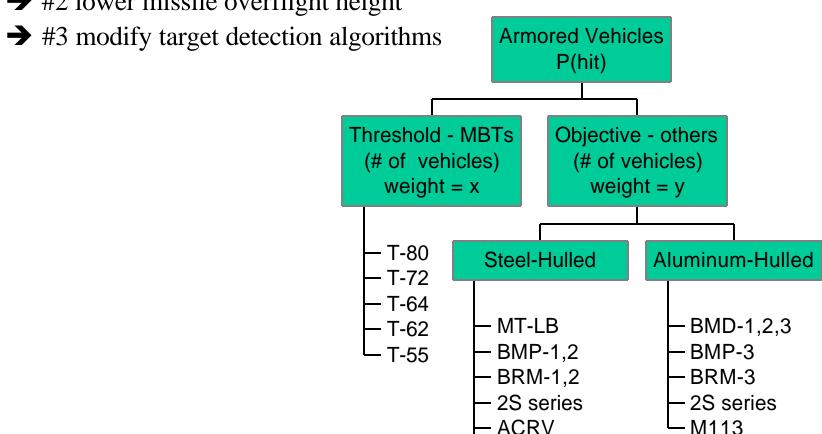
✓ Choose higher P_{hit} even if aluminum-hull P_{hit} < 0.5



If Aim Point Change Inadequate...

BTR

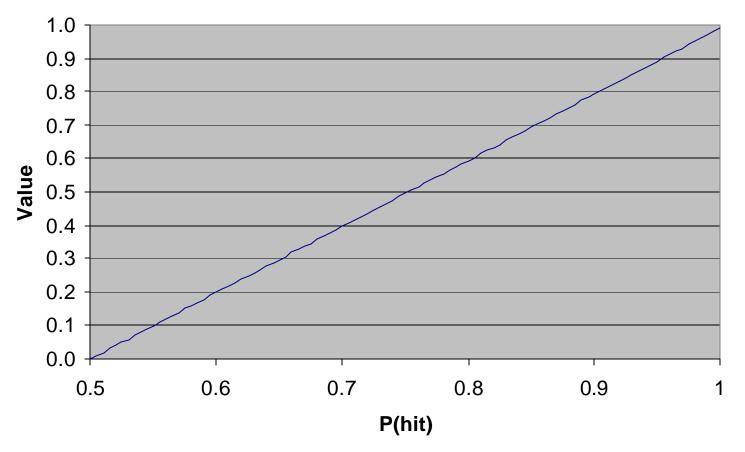
- > Other options may impact performance against MBTs
 - → #2 lower missile overflight height



- ➤ How do you trade-off performance? Employ PILOT
 - need Marine Corps to establish relative importance via weights



Establish Value Function & Score Options

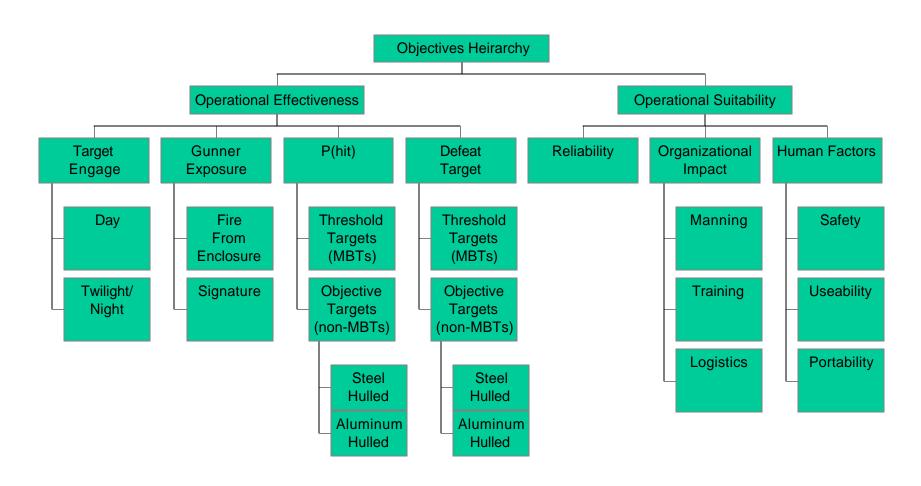


 \gt Compare baseline against all options using: Weighted Value of $P_{hit}(MBTs)$ + Weighted Value of $P_{hit}(non-MBTs)$



MAVITEA If Non-material Solutions Inadequate

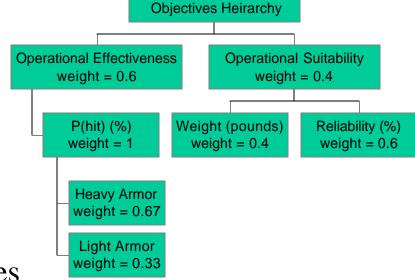
Determine Potential Impacts To BL





Employ Product Improvement Level Objectives Technique

- ➤ Conceive applicable objectives hierarchy for proposed product improvement
- > Construct value functions
- Collect relevant data/information to score objectives
- > Convert measured objectives to values
- Calculate, recompose upwards
- Compare alternatives IF PI scores higher, iterate to next step





Multi-objective Value Analysis

- > Used to decompose a complex problem
- ➤ Quantifies classic engineering trade-offs
 - → subjective & objective factors addressed
 - →all factors converted from their natural scale to a 0-1 scale
- > Engages decision-makers so that result gets enacted
 - → solicits their values
 - → secures their buy-in
- > Structured decision process is documented, iterative



PAPI Process Conclusions

- ➤ Effective & efficient methodology tool to analyze & visualize performance against threat spectrum:
 - →current MBTs & other armored objective threats
 - →explore performance envelop against non-objective threats
 - →establish baseline to assess product improvements

- ➤ Iterative methodology to assess PI against BL based on available & trusted information
 - →effort focused on major decision drivers
 - → expandable to incorporate new information
 - →allows escape at decision points